Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1472-ER **Patron:** Sullivan
Bill Title: Claims; Messiah Aladar Johnson; compensation for wrongful incarceration.

Bill Summary: Grants relief in an amount to be appropriated to Messiah Aladar Johnson, who was wrongly convicted of and subsequently incarcerated for five counts of robbery, 12 counts of the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, six counts of abduction, attempted robbery, and shooting into an occupied building in 1998.

Budget Amendment Necessary: YES **Items Impacted:** 264 of HB30
Explanation: The bill directs that "there is hereby appropriated from the general fund of the state treasury the sum of an amount to be provided in the appropriation act for the relief of Messiah Aladar Johnson…." A budget amendment would be required to appropriate such relief.

Fiscal Summary: Based on the Treasury's calculations using Mr. Johnson's dates of wrongful incarceration, the bill directs an amount of $1,312,810 in the appropriation act for the relief of Mr. Johnson from the general fund of the Treasury.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
Treasury		$1,312,810				
TOTAL		**$1,312,810**				

Fiscal Analysis: The bill would provide relief to Messiah Aladar Johnson. Mr. Johnson was found to have been wrongfully incarcerated, and this legislation is intended to compensate him for the time he was wrongfully incarcerated. Per calculations performed by the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) based on Mr. Johnson's dates of incarceration, he would be entitled to $1,312,810 for wrongful incarceration under the provisions of this legislation. Any amount for such compensation would need to be appropriated in the Appropriation Act from the general fund of the Treasury to make the payment.

Other: House budget amendment includes general fund appropriation for this bill in fiscal year 2027.